and measures and guarantee of minimum prices ;

(*c*) whether they will consider to organise more Agricultural Produce and Marketing Societies in the State ?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) Regulated Markets are opened in important Trade Centres in the State with a view to provide marketing facilities for Agricultural Produce. In addition to these Regulated Markets, Co-operative Marketing Societies have been organised in important trade centres.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) More Regulated Markets will be opened in the State as and when there is need for the same.

Marketing Department

Q.—507. Sri B. CHIKKANNA (Javagal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) (i) when the Marketing Department was established and made permanent, (ii) the main objects and duties of this department ;

(*b*) (i) the amount allotted to this department in the first Five-Year Plan ; (ii) the amount expended and the amount remaining ; and (iii) the amount they have provided in this behalf for the years 1953, 1954 and 1955 ;

(*c*) the names of the gazetted officers working in this department, their qualifications, their pay and their status ;

(*d*) (i) the Head of this Department and the names of other departments under his control ; (ii) the permanent post that he holds ; and (iii) whether the said officer has undergone any foreign training to acquire a special knowledge pertaining to this department ;

(*e*) (i) whether they have sent any person to foreign countries to acquire a special knowledge pertaining to the sale of agricultural produces ; (ii) if so, whether his services are now being utilised ;

(*f*) whether it is not desirable to appoint a foreign-trained Officer exclusively to be in charge of the Marketing Department ?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) (i) The Marketing Department was established on a temporary basis in April 1941 and was made permanent from 18th April 1948.

(ii) The main objects and duties of the Marketing Department are to deal with problems of agricultural marketing including the opening of Grading Stations and Regulated Markets, the improvement of containers and method of packing, storage and other facilities, the organisation of Co-operative Marketing Societies and the development of Market News Service.

(*b*) (i) Nil.

(ii) and (iii) These do not arise in view of reply to (*b*) (i).

(*c*)

Name of the Officer	*Qualifications*	*Pay and grade*	*Status.*
1. Sri K. Nanjappa	B.A., B.L., Revenue (Higher), Accounts (Higher and Lower), Registration, Office Manual Examination of Mysore Government Secretariat.	Rs. 250 in grade Rs.150-25/2-250.	Marketing Officer.
2. Sri H. Nagaiah.	B.A. (Hons.), M.A., LL.B., Revenue (Higher,) Accounts (Higher), Registration, Muzrai, Excise, Co-operative Inspectors' Examination, M.L.S. Examination, Office Manual Examintion of Mysore Government Secretariat.	Do	Marketing Officer.

(DR. R. NAGAN GOWDA.)

(*d*) (i) The Chief Marketing Officer is the Head of the Department. He is also the Joint-Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

(ii) Assistant Commissioner.

(iii) He was deputed to England, Continent, United States of America and Canada for study of Agricultural Co-operation and Co-operative Agricultural Marketing.

(*e*) (i) Yes, for training in Co-operation with special reference to Agricultural Marketing.

(ii) Yes, in the Co-operative Department.

(*f*) Not necessary.

L.F. Hospital, Chintamani.

Q.—558. **Sri M. C. ANJANEYA REDDY** (Chintamani).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of beds available for in-patients at present in Chintamani Town Local Fund Hospital for women and men ;

(*b*) the total number of in-patients admitted in the year 1954 ;

(*c*) whether they have considered the desirability of converting these two hospitals into a combined hospital ;

(*d*) the rate of diet charge per year is being given to the patients at present ;

(*e*) whether it has come to their notice that this being insufficient the patients are put to inconvenience ;

(*f*) the average number of malarial cases received during the past five years in the same Chintamani Town (women and men) Local Fund Hospitals ;

(*g*) whether they have made arrangements for spraying D.D.T. in Chintamani Town to combat malaria ;

(*h*) if not, whether it is possible to make arrangements for spraying D.D.T. in order to check the spreading of this disease ?

A.—**Sri T. CHANNIAH** (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) 26 beds.

(*b*) 95.

(*c*) The matter is under consideration.

(*d*) The allotment for diet charges of patients is Rs. 1,000 per year.

(*e*) No.

		Rs.
(*f*)	1949	8,876
	1950	7,840
	1951	2,896
	1952	3,232
	1953	7,618
	1954 (up to end of September 1954).	8,976

(*g*) No.

(*h*) Proposals to take up D. D. T. spraying in Town Municipalities are under cosideration of Government.

Gundlupet-Terakanambi Loop Road (repairs).

Q.–568. **Sri H. K. SHIVARUDRAPPA** (Gundlupet-Heggadadevankote).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) (i) when the Gundlupet-Terakanambi Loop Road was formed ;

(ii) the amount spent ;

(*b*) the arrangements made for the yearly repairs of this road ;

(*c*) whether it has come to their notice that this road is in a state of disrepair due to lack of yearly repairs resulting in its becoming thoroughly unfit for traffic at present ;

(*d*) (i) whether an estimate is prepared for the repairs of this road ;

(ii) if so, the amount of the estimate ;

(iii) whether this has been sanctioned ;

(iv) when they intend to take up the repairs work ?

A.—**Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA** (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) (i) During 1953.

(ii) Rs. 1,49,000.

(*b*) The annual maintenance of the road is being attended to by the District Board, Mysore, as it is classified as a District Fund Road, having a mileage grant of Rs. 200.